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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on May 4, 2005, **DEMETRIUS JOHNSON**, a/k/a “**Mete**,” age 38, of Murphysboro, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in Benton. JOHNSON, who had previously pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute more than 5 grams of crack cocaine and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, was sentenced to 200 months’ imprisonment, 5 years’ supervised release, and was fined \$950.

The violations took place between July 2003, and April 24, 2004, in Jackson, Randolph and Perry Counties. Co-defendants ULYSSES WILLIAMS, a/k/a “J.R.,” and ANTONIO D. WATSON, have previously been sentenced to 235 months’ imprisonment and 168 months’ imprisonment, respectively, for their role in the drugs and weapons offenses. Co-defendant JAMONTE L. ALLISON has pled guilty and is awaiting sentencing. Co-defendants DETRIC D. ROSEMAN and BRANDON McDADE have pled not guilty and are awaiting jury trial.

Information for the indictment was obtained through the cooperative effort of the Carbondale Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, and Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to those agencies’ participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative in the Southern District of Illinois. Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors are working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses. The Jackson County Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative is a joint and cooperative effort of the United States Attorney’s Office, Jackson County States Attorney’s Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Carbondale Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, and Murphysboro Police Department. The Perry County Sheriff’s Department and Pinckneyville Police Department also participated in the investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson.